

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled, amended or added in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-70 are pending. Of these claims, claims 31-57 and 68-70 are non-elected claims, as explained further below. Accordingly, claims 1-30 and 58-67 are under active consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office sets forth the following restriction requirement:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-30 and 58-67, drawn to a composite microfiltration or reverse osmosis membrane, classified in class 210, subclass 500.38.

II. Claims 31-57, drawn to method of making coated composite polyamide RO membrane, classified in class 156, subclass 246.

III. Claims 68-70, drawn to method of making microporous membrane, classified in class 156, subclass 275.5.

In response to the foregoing restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-30 and 58-67.


In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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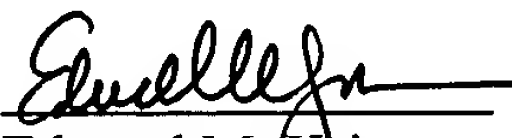
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